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When Romeo First Meet Juliet

TAP GTE Thailand Immersion 2011 | Pre-Trip Retreat

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It was like when Romeo first met Juliet. They fell in love at first sight. They are the two groups of participants, who will be venturing in the upcoming immersion trip to Thailand in January, 2011. Under the auspices of TAP (Theology Among the People) Global Theological Education (GTE) Program of the Southeast Conference UCC, current students of the Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS) and TAP participants from different regions of the Southeast Conference (SEC) gathered for the pre-trip retreat at the Welcoming Place, a Mennonite Conference Center in the outskirts of Philadelphia, PA.

The seven LTS seminarians and seven TAP participants were carefully selected to be a part of a very special immersion trip to Thailand, a TAP GTE program which has turned out to be a great success during its first launch in 2008. The three trip facilitators, Prof. Greg Carey of LTS and Rev. Kathy Clark and Rev. Sarah Kim of SEC, worked with the participants over the weekend of Sept. 24-26, 2010, intellectually, spiritually, and communally equipping the group for the trip.

Cultivating unity in diversity and developing a sense of community among strangers are never without challenge. Nevertheless, the two groups conjoined with attitudes of openness and respect for one another and together they celebrated their passion for learning and enthusiasm for the cross-cultural immersion experience that lies ahead. The trip entails a unique opportunity for reflections on inter- and intra-faith dialogues, and conflict transformation and peace-building. It will also entail a time of community building in an extraordinary context, and a time of self-reflection for personal growth. The trip is to take place on January 6, 2011 over the period of three weeks in Chiang Mai and Bangkok, Thailand.

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Unified Governance receives approval of UCC boards, Executive Council

Following a year of deliberation, including discernment and dialog from congregations, Conferences and interest groups, a "Proposal for Unified Governance of the National Setting of the United Church of Christ" was delivered by the Unified Governance (UGov) Working Group and has received approval to proceed from the UCC's Executive Council and the boards of the four Covenanted Ministries.



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